

This letter is being forwarded in support of the Emergency Vehicle Signaling System technology (EVSS) as proposed in RM10836. This technology is needed in the emergency vehicles of today to make responses safer for responding personnel and also the general public. Please consider the approval of this technology as we are always looking for ways to make the response of emergency vehicles safer.

Orange County Fire Rescue is very supportive of this technology for several reasons. First, at the scene of a major incident, we need to be able to broadcast an emergency message to vehicles that are in the vicinity of the event, to have them stay clear of the area. Today, we have no technology to do this. A person in a vehicle might drive right into or through a toxic gas cloud, before we would be able to relay the information to the local media, and before they would have time to put this information out on their airwaves. Secondly, many of our emergency responses are delayed due to traffic, and any device which would allow us to send a message into the car ahead of our unit would improve traffic safety, and help us deliver a faster and safer response.

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